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BANK ROBBERY SPREE NETS FOUR MEN
32 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

ORLANDO, FLORIDA - United States District Judge Gregory A. Presnell today sentenced four south Florida men to 32 years in federal prison in connection with the 2005 robberies of four banks in both Volusia and Lee Counties. JAMES THOMAS WINN, 22, of Lantana, CHARLES LAMAR SAULSBY, 20, of Greenacres, MATTHEW MANVILLE PERRY, 22, of West Palm Beach, and JIMMIE LEE WILLIAMS, 24, of Boynton Beach, each pled guilty on June 16, 2006, to one count of conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery and two counts of possessing a firearm during a crime of violence. In addition to the prison term, each man also must serve five years on supervised release, make full restitution in the amount of \$13,346.83 and pay a special assessment of \$300.

According to court documents, the defendants robbed Lee County branches of Fifth Third Bank, Colonial Bank and Florida Gulf Bank on November 28-29, 2005. They subsequently robbed a Volusia County branch of Prosperity Bank on December 12, 2005. During the robbery spree, the defendants wore disguises, brandished and discharged firearms, threatened to shoot bank employees and demanded access to the vault at each bank. After the Volusia County robbery, the defendants fled south on Interstate 95 at

speeds of more than 100 miles per hour in an attempt to avoid capture. When officers subsequently deflated the vehicle's tires in Brevard County, the defendants hid in a wooded area until they were captured by law enforcement.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the State Attorney's Office for Brevard/Seminole Counties, the Volusia County State Attorney's Office, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the Ft. Myers Police Department, the Florida Highway Patrol, and the Daytona Beach Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" ("PSN") - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative. United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. In Brevard and Seminole Counties, State Attorney Norm Wolfinger is calling the PSN effort "Operation Cease Fire." The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr., and Special Assistant United States Attorney Greg Konieczka of the Brevard County State Attorney's Office.